

REMARKS

The amendment set forth above adds sequence identification numbers to the specification. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Although no charges are believed to be due, if there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

The text at page 14, lines 1-14, has been amended as follows:

The sequences of the phosphorothioate ODN utilized:

decoys-1            5'-CTAGTTTCCCGCG-3' (SEQ ID NO:1)  
                      3'-TAAAGGGCCCCTAG-5' (SEQ ID NO:2)

mismatched-1      5'-CTAGATTTCGAGCG-3' (SEQ ID NO:3)  
                      3'-TAAAGCTCGCCCTAG-5' (SEQ ID NO:4)

We also examined another set of decoy ODNs containing two binding sites:

decoys-2:            5'-GATAAAAGCGCGAATAAAAGCGCGAATC-3'  
                          (SEQ ID NO:5)  
                      3'-CTAGTTTCGCGCTTAGTTTCGCGCTTAG-5'  
                          (SEQ ID NO:6)

mismatched-1;      5'-GATCAAAGAACTGAATCAAAGAACTGAATC-3'  
                          (SEQ ID NO:7)  
                      3'-CTAGTTTCTTGACTTAGTTTCTTGACTTAG-5'  
                          (SEQ ID NO:8)

The text at page 15, lines 15-21, has been amended as follows:

The scrambled and progesterone responsive element (PRE) decoy sequences utilized as control ODNs are as follows:

Scrambled decoys: 5'-TCCAGCTTCGTAGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:9)  
                      3'-GAAGGATCGATCG-5' (SEQ ID NO:10)

PRE:                5'-GATCCCTGTACAGGATGTTCTAGCTACA-3'  
                          (SEQ ID NO:11)  
                      3'-CTAGGACATGTCCTACAAAGATCGATGT-5'  
                          (SEQ ID NO:12)